



Three digit relief

SUN LOVERS KEEP COOL: As the temperature soars to a summer high of 103, patrons of the Wilcox Park swimming pool enjoy the water Friday afternoon. No significant change

in the weather pattern is predicted for the early part of the week.

(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

Women brave fire to attempt rescue

By Andy Siering
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Two women entered a burning house to attempt the rescue of an elderly woman Tuesday morning.

Gwendolyn Akins, an employee of Madison County Senior Citizens Services, Inc. in Alton, arrived at the home of Lillie G. Garner, 83, of 2815 Cayuga Ave., at about 7:40 a.m. and noticed smoke drifting from a window air conditioner. When she opened the front door of the three-room frame house, the fire leaped up from the infusion of oxygen.

Akins, 31, of the 200 block of Eagle Park Road, said she hesitated briefly before crawling under the billowing smoke through the living room to the bedroom, where she saw the victim lying on the bed. The smoke and heat then drove Akins from the home.

"I thought that maybe she would be close enough that I could have pulled her out," Akins said Wednesday. Akins has worked for four months for the agency, providing home care such as cooking, house cleaning and personal hygiene.

"Mrs. Garner was one of my first clients," said Akins. She said Garner often reminisced about her life. "She talked about when she was young, about her kids and stuff like that."

Police and Akins said a woman who lived two doors away, Carol Wall, 2821 Cayuga, arrived and the two of them attempted to enter the house again before the fire drove them back.

Wall's husband said she did not want to talk about her role in the attempted rescue because



Gwendolyn Akins

it "upsets her."

Garner, who lived alone and did not smoke, was pronounced dead at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday by Deputy Coroner Ed Werner. Werner said preliminary results of an autopsy performed Tuesday showed she died of asphyxia due to smoke inhalation. Investigators said Garner was probably already dead when Akins arrived.

The fire is believed to have been accidental and not the result of arson. Granite City Police Detective Terry May said it apparently started in a couch in the front room and smoldered for several hours.

A neighbor had smelled smoke at about 6 a.m. but couldn't identify its source.

May and Granite City Fire Chief Joe Holder agreed that the two women showed courage in attempting the rescue.

District 9 hires new elementary principal

By Paul Guggina
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — District 9 has hired a Wood River woman to fill one of two elementary school principal vacancies.

Gail Eblie, 37, formerly a high school guidance counselor for the Southwestern Community School District 9 in Piasa, was hired by the Board of Education Tuesday.

The board interviewed eight candidates last week before

making its decision.

There are two elementary principal vacancies, at Mitchell and Prather elementary schools, but Eblie has not yet been assigned.

Eblie has been a guidance counselor at Southwestern since 1979. Prior to that, she was a counselor at Highland High School and a counselor and administrative assistant at Bunker Hill High School.

She graduated from Roxana

High School in 1968. She earned three degrees at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville — a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology, a master's degree in counselor education, and an educational specialist degree in educational administration and counselor education.

Eblie said that, while she has no direct experience as a principal, her work as a guidance counselor has given her a strong

sense for the needs of students.

"As a guidance counselor I'm very student-centered," Eblie said. "I believe in the education of the individual. I believe we have to find the goals for every student and try to meet those goals."

As far as teachers are concerned, Eblie said, "my philosophy is that they're professionals

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Hodel supporting park

By Jack C. Ventimiglia
Staff writer

EAST ST. LOUIS — Proposed expansion of the Arch grounds to the East St. Louis riverfront continues to move through the federal bureaucracy, U.S. Interior Secretary Donald Hodel said.

At a press conference at City Hall on Tuesday, Hodel said he "strongly supports the effort" and the Interior Department will send a letter to Congress within two weeks stating the project deserves funding.

Party affiliation has no bearing on funding the project, Hodel said.

"There appears to be broad, bi-partisan support for this legislation," Hodel said.

With Hodel for the announcement were Mayor Carl Officer,

Republican congressional candidate Robert Gaffner, and Clarence Ellis, the city's aldermanic president who Tuesday lost the Democratic nomination for congress. Hodel endorsed Gaffner for Congress.

The riverfront project has been under discussion for several years, but Hodel said getting federal money for such developments takes time.

"With projects of this type, it always takes longer than it ought to," he said.

The federal government will provide money to keep the development operating once it is built, and some funds to initiate the expansion, but he said local funds will also have to be committed. The total cost of the project has not yet been

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Mayor: Fire district's concerns manageable

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

PONTON BEACH — "We thought we were working with them," Mayor Glen Wilson said Wednesday, speaking of the Mitchell Fire Protection District. Wilson was responding to a letter to the editor published in Thursday's Granite City Press-Record from fire district trustees, criticizing the impact of establishing Tax Increment Financing districts in Ponton Beach.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held this month at the site of the first TIF District — Chouteau Trace I — where construction of streets and other infrastructure work has now started.

"We don't intend to build anything if there's no fire protection there. I believe it would be foolish not to help them (fire district)," Wilson said.

Construction of a home for developmentally disabled adults, duplex housing and a bank are

proposed for the initial building phase of Chouteau Trace I, located on the west side of Illinois 111 south of Interstate 270.

"At the TIF public hearing they (fire district) had a right to protest and they did. We talked with them and assured them that we would help them with anything they needed."

"Keith Jensen (village attorney) also was to send a letter to Mitchell (fire district) and assure them of any help we could give. As far as I know they haven't said any more about it."

Although supportive of efforts to bring development to the area, the fire district trustees believe their district should not be compelled to absorb added responsibility for protecting the area without an increase in revenue for service.

Increased taxes to residents within the fire protection district or reduced service could result if

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House for sale

'Project 7' more than just brick and wood to students

By Paul Guggina
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — It's called Project Seven, and it's the pride of nearly 200 Granite City High School students.

Suitable for a family of four, Project Seven — a newly constructed split-level house on Colgate Place — has been put up for sale by District 9.

If it gets what it's asking for the house, the district will be about \$90,000 richer (to be plowed back into the construction program). But the riches

Sunday focus

derived from Project Seven run much deeper than government coffers, Vocational and Career Education Director Tom Holloway said.

Holloway knows Project Seven owes its existence to 200 hard-working kids and one patient instructor.

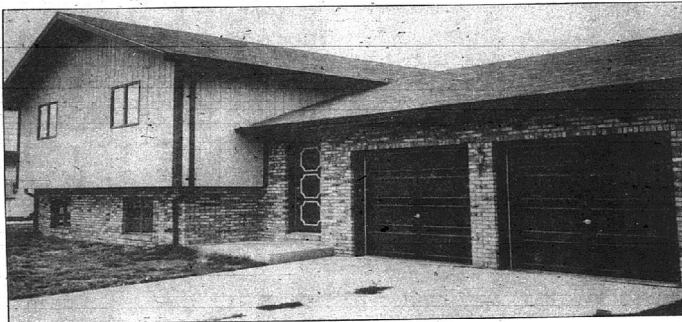
"It's really something," he said. "When it was all finished, Roger (Waldrup, the instructor) and I stood out here and shook our heads. We couldn't believe we'd done it again."

Waldrup supervised the students who built the residence. He supervised the students, six hours a day, for three school years, from the moment the first stake was pounded into the ground to when the last paintbrush was put away.

"There are frustrating times, just like in any job. But there are rewarding times, too," said Waldrup, who drove 65 miles from his home in Coulterville, Ill., to work each day.

"You see a student come in green as a gourd — he doesn't know how to use a shovel. And by the time he's finished he's hanging down, finishing drywalls and cabinets, just to mention a couple of items."

The students were members of high school classes on building



(Staff photo by Paul Guggina)

FOR SALE: Project Seven, a split-level house on Colgate Place, was built entirely by District 9 students. The district is asking \$91,225 for the newly completed residence.

trades, drafting, heating and air conditioning, and electricity. Waldrup said all of them learn something from the program — like it or not.

"Some of the students, unfortunately, enter the program more to get out of school than to try to learn something in the program," Waldrup said. "But it's something that, if you're around it long enough, it's almost like catching a disease. If they're there, they eventually pick it up and learn quite a bit."

"It's a totally different program than your everyday classroom is. You're out working. You've got to be self-disciplined, to be dependable. I stress a great deal of community pride in your workmanship, and

respect for your neighbors. I push a lot more than building a house."

Project Seven took about three school years to complete. Students were laying the foundation in 1985, while the finishing touches were being put on Project Six.

It would take professional homebuilders about three months to put up a similar home, Waldrup said, but the quality might not be the same.

"This house is probably better than one put up by professionals," he said. "It says that from the standpoint that anything that is questionable is taken out and redone. That's not to knock the professionals, but they go at a much faster rate and they're not as selective in their materials."

"This is a learning process for the kids. Consequently, you try to show them the right way. If it's not right, you take it out and do it again."

Mary Ruth Snelson can vouch for the quality of student-built homes. She is a District 9 teacher. Snelson lives next door to Project Seven in Project Six.

"They used very good materials," Snelson said. "On the whole, I really like it. And everybody that comes to visit is really impressed with it."

The asking price for Project Seven is \$91,225. Any profit earned by the District will go toward paying for the construction of Project Eight next year.

"It's a self-supporting program," said Superintendent Gib

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Thursday, July 18, 1963

Completion of an addition that nearly doubled its floor space to 10,000 square feet has made the Reese Walgreen Store, Bellemore Shopping Center, the largest drug store in the Illinois metropolitan area.

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Heat alert!

TEMPERATURES reached 103 degrees Friday and near 100-degrees-plus heat promises to continue through Wednesday. Be a good neighbor. Check on elderly and handicapped persons living alone in your neighborhood.



Quad City

Pig races among new events at County Fair

The Madison County Fair for 1988 will open its six-day program Sunday, July 24, at Lindendale Park in Highland.

Fair President Joe Greiger and the executive board for the fair have worked many months preparing for this year's fair and feel they have planned events that all fairgoers can enjoy.

Early entries indicate another near-record in nearly all classes. Total premiums offered in the 20 classes amount to over \$60,000.

The fair opens July 24 with a horse show at 10 a.m., chain-saw cutting contest at 1 p.m., a fiddle contest from 3-7 p.m., and bluegrass music 7-10 p.m.

Monday, July 25, is the beginning of judging of some open classes with particular emphasis on 4-H Club exhibitors.

Other 4-H projects are on display from 4-9 p.m. in the air-conditioned ballroom. In the arena, the first of the demolition derbies will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Livestock exhibitors will be in one of the four new livestock buildings that have been completed in the past several years at Lindendale Park.

Tuesday, July 26, is Farmers Appreciation Day with free entertainment and refreshments in the implement display area from noon-4 p.m.

There will be a drapery and upholstery demonstration under the pavilion from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The first of nightly 4-H Fashion Revues will be held at 7 under the pavilion. A tractor-pulling contest begins at 5:30 p.m. in the arena.

Southwestern Auto Racing Association stock car races night

light the evening in the arena on Wednesday, July 27, starting at 6:30, followed by the women's Demo Derby.

Thursday, July 28, opens an arts and crafts festival in the ballroom. The festival is held Thursday and Friday, 2-9 p.m. each day, with no admission charge.

The arena event scheduled is the draft horse pulling contest, beginning at 7 p.m.

Also featured Thursday evening is the 4-H Livestock Auction starting at 7. This auction is held annually and features cattle, pigs and sheep exhibited by Madison County 4-Hers.

The second men's car demolition derby will be the highlight in the arena Friday beginning at 7:30 p.m., with another anticipated capacity crowd.

A new feature to the Madison County Fair this year will be pig races held each day, seven times a day.

Also new will be the State of Illinois Lottery Wagon, featuring live entertainment.

Music under the pavilion will be featured each evening starting at 8.

Bands offering entertainment will be The Twilighters, Night Time Magic, Joey James, The Rendition and The Swing Kings.

There will be no admission charge to the dances.

Along with all this entertainment and activity will be a complete array of food and refreshments. The carnival will offer a variety of rides, open each day.

For special advance ride tickets or arena tickets, persons may contact the fair secretary's office at the fairgrounds during the county fair.



ACCEPTING CONGRATULATIONS from Board of Education President Monroe Worthen, far right, is band director Dennis Meyer, who led the high school band and auxiliary unit to a second-place finish in competition at the VP Parade. Also shown, from left, are Superintendent Gib Walmsley and students Lancy Schuman and D'Na Hankins.

New Salem Church to honor graduates today

The New Salem Baptist Church, 1249 Kain St., Venice, will recognize its college, high school and junior high school graduates at 4 p.m. today (Sunday).

The theme this year is "The Higher You Climb, The Greater The View."

New Salem will recognize four college, 10 junior college, 10 high school and two junior high school graduates. The William H. Payne Scholarship Committee and the Christian Board of Education will honor the graduates.

The guest speaker will be Virgil Hill, University City, Mo., the principal of Sumner High School, St. Louis.

The college graduates are: Regina Banks, Sabrina Jackson, Valerie Mason and Danita Franklin.

The high school graduates are: Annie Anderson, Corbett Blockton, Martin Coopwood, Vanee Hill, Marcus Johnson, Renee Rowe, Andre Silas, Dale Turner, Cortez Williams and Quincy Williams.

The junior high school graduates are: Danielle Baker and Shawnee Williams.

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Meet Monday on 911 system

The Legislative Committee of the Madison County Board is coordinating a meeting of mayors, police chiefs, fire chiefs, telephone companies and other representatives of emergency services organizations at 7 p.m. Monday, July 18, on the third floor of the Madison County Courthouse.

Representatives of Illinois Bell Telephone Co. and the Illinois Commerce Commission will attend to explain how 911 systems can be created and funded.

In 1987, the Legislature adopted an amendment to the Emergency Telephone Number Act which provides for a surcharge on telephone bills to fund a 911 system.

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Slight drop in traffic deaths

Motor vehicle occupant deaths for June totaled 14, a decrease from the five-year, pre-seat belt law average of 76 fatalities.

The Illinois departments of Transportation and State Police said Madison County had five traffic deaths, the same as in June 1987.

Overall fatalities for June totaled 125, a decrease of 17 accidents. This is a decrease of 6 percent from the 133 total deaths in June 1987.

Included in the June total are 19 pedestrians killed in 19 accidents, three persons killed in three railroad crossing accidents, 26 persons killed in 26 accidents involving motorcycles, and six bicyclists killed in six accidents.

The total of 755 deaths for January-to-June 1988 is an increase of 8.7 percent compared to the 704 deaths for the same period of 1987. Madison County totaled 22 deaths, the same as last year.

The Fourth of July was a three-day holiday period this year. Because the holiday varies in length from year to year and always includes the preceding six hours, fatalities have been calculated giving the average traffic deaths per day.

Surplus food distribution dates set

Officials in Chouteau, Nameoki and Venice townships and at the Salvation Army have announced that surplus government commodities will be distributed this month.

Distribution dates are July 20 and 21. The various sites, officials said.

Commodities will include processed cheese, rice, butter, dry milk and flour. The dry milk and flour are in short supply and persons will be asked to take their choice.

All products will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis by ticket number received at the door.

The Salvation Army, 3007 E. 23rd St., will conduct its distribution of surplus food to Granite City Township residents July 20 starting at 8 a.m.

Venice Township will give out commodities at 8:30 a.m. July 20 at Engelbert Hall, 10th Street and Washington Avenue, Madison. Township officials said commodities will be given only at the hall and recipients must present a signed affidavit before receiving the commodities.

Nameoki Township will give out commodities starting at 7:30 a.m. July 20 at the township building, 4250 Illinois 162.

Chouteau Township will start its distribution at 8 a.m. July 21 at the Chouteau Township Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

To be eligible to receive commodities, persons must be residents of the township where they are receiving the food. They must be the head of a household or the spouse, have their Social Security number, and sign an affidavit that their total household income is within the guidelines.

Recipients are to bring some proof of residency other than a driver license or voter registration card. An unpaid utility bill, a property tax statement, a current rent receipt with the address, or a public aid card or medical card is adequate, officials said.

Monthly income guidelines, revised and increased as of July 1, are as follows: one-person family, \$601; two in the family, \$805; three persons, \$1,009; four persons, \$1,214; five persons, \$1,418; six persons, \$1,622; seven persons, \$1,826; eight persons, \$2,030; and \$204 for each additional member of the household.

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Wednesday - Meat loaf, rice pilaf, buttered carrots, pear slices.

Thursday - Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, frosted cake.

Friday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, chef salad, French bread, peaches.

Third 'Stars' concert Wednesday

"Music Under the Stars" will present its third concert in Wilson Park at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 20.

The adult chorus will sing "Somewhere" from the Broadway musical "West Side Story," "In That Gettin' Up Mornin'" and a Hoagy Carmichael medley including such songs as "Star Dust," "Georgia on My Mind," "The Nearness of You," "Heart and Soul," and "In the Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening."

The young people's chorus will perform "Puff, the Magic Dragon," "Cripple Creek" and "My Music."

The combined chorus will sing "God Bless America" and "Roll Along, Covered Wagon."

Tom Potter, Deron Griffin, Kyle Braundmeier and Bill Freeman will sing "The Happy Wanderer."

Solo performers will be Melissa Young, singing "Tomorrow" from the musical "Annie," Scott Tripp, performing the rock gospel number "Sing to the Lord," Nona Mefford, singing "Memories" from the musical "Cats," Kim Yates, singing "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" and Tom Potter, performing "You Light Up my Life."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT TO COMPLY WITH THE TRUTH-IN-TAXATION ACT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS (ILL. REV. STAT., 1987, CHAPTER 120, PARAGRAPH 861, ET. SEQ.)

(PUBLIC ACT NO. 82-102)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT, Madison County, Illinois, that:

- The aggregate amount of property taxes, exclusive of election costs, extended by the County Clerk of Madison County, Illinois, upon the levy by the Granite City Park District for its fiscal year 1987-1988 based on the assessed valuation of the District for the year 1987 was \$580,602.88.
- The amount of property taxes, exclusive of election costs, estimated as necessary to be raised by taxation for the District's fiscal year 1988-1989 and based on taxes levied against the assessed valuation of the District for the year 1988 is \$637,450.00.
- Said proposed levy of \$637,450.00 for the year 1988-1989 represents an increase of 9.791% over the taxes actually extended by the County Clerk of Madison County on the assessed valuation of the District for the year 1987 and is, therefore, 109.791% of the said 1987 tax extension made by said County Clerk.
- A public hearing regarding said proposed aggregate amount of property tax to be levied and extended for the District's fiscal year 1988-1989 on the assessed valuation of the District for the year 1988 will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the 27th day of July, 1988 at the office of the Granite City Park District, located in Wilson Park, Benton and Oregon Streets, Granite City, Illinois, at which time the Board will explain its reasons for increasing the tax levy.

All persons desiring to be heard on any matter regarding the proposed tax levy related to the assessed valuation of the District for the year 1988 may appear and be heard at the time and place hereinabove designated.

DATED this 13th day of July, 1988.

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63 fans given to fight heat

The Tri-Cities Area United Way was able to purchase 63 electric fans for families who needed relief from the intense heat of the summer.

Funds for purchase of the fans were made available through the Madison County Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program. The program is designed to help meet the emergency needs of low-income families.

Distribution of the fans was made through vouchers issued by the Salvation Army. The vouchers were then filled at the local K mart Store.

All the fans have been distributed.

1948 classes plan reunion

The January and June classes of 1948 of Granite City High School are planning a 40-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Sunset Hills Country Club. Members of both classes are being asked to send in their reservations as soon as possible.

The committee has not been successful in locating the current address of six of the class members. If anyone should know the whereabouts or current address of the following, the committee would like to be notified:

Bonnie Anderson O'Berto, Ed Franko, Willodean Graham Goff, Joann Mansfield Van Ribber, Mary Marr Hopkins and William Selig.

Those with information may call Elmer Dehn, 452-5599; Harry Dortch, 876-6429; or Aileen Smith, 797-8687.

Any class member who will not be able to attend but would like to order a present-day yearbook of the class may do so by contacting one of the above persons or mailing in the form that was sent with the reunion letter.



Johnny's Funland

PUTTING FOR PAR: Jim Stephens puts through strategically located obstacles on the 16th hole as fellow golfer Eric Vargo awaits his turn. The two played one of two 18-hole putting courses last week at Johnny's Funland, 3820 Pontoon Road, Pontoon Beach.

(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

Party delegates hoping for unity

WASHINGTON — Democratic delegates from Metro East have pared their battle cry for this week's activities at the party's national convention in Atlanta to one word: Unity.

The aim, said Charles Hester, a delegate and Granite City restaurateur, is moving a Democrat into the White House in January 1989.

"I don't see any groups that will not conform to the platform this time," said Hester, a delegate who will attend his fifth convention this year. The meeting is set for July 18-21 at Atlanta's Omni Coliseum. "I see more unity than I've ever seen before."

A total of 4,162 delegates will descend on the convention hall Monday for party housekeeping, election planning, and selecting the party's ticket for the presidential election Nov. 8. Illinois will send 310 delegates, five of them elected from the 21st District and pledged to home-state Sen. Paul Simon, who stepped out of the race last month.

With the pledges of 2,426 delegates backing him, according to Associated Press tallies, Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis appears to have the nomination wrapped up. He is backed by Simon, who won most of this state's delegates in the primary.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who works out of Chicago, follows Dukakis in the delegate count with 1,136.

(Dukakis has chosen U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Texas, to run for vice president.)

As the presidential candidate field narrowed from seven to two this year, a single-mindedness of purpose seemed to grow in the party. Creators of the Democratic platform have agreed, for the most part, to generalize the party's goals in the upcoming campaign: Reduce the deficit, improve foreign trade, and offer the disadvantaged and the elderly more compassion.

They also plan to capitalize on the "sleaze factor" of the current Republican administration.

In the past few elections, the party has found it more difficult to find a consensus, said Hester.

He remembers "hippies" brandishing their interests in 1972 and minorities in another convention. This time, even the regional interests seem to have set aside most of their differences, he said.

"This is said to be true even though Dukakis has faced formidable competition from Jackson, whose supporters have advocated

"At this time, I see everybody giving a little and taking a little."

Charles Hester

ed strong party stands on a number of potentially divisive issues like creating a Palestinian homeland and declaring South Africa a terrorist state.

Dukakis and Jackson have met a number of times to seek agreement on how such issues will be handled at the convention.

"At this time, I see everybody giving a little and taking a little," Hester said.

Bruce N. Cook, a delegate and personal injury attorney from Belleville, sees this as a sign that Dukakis is a "brilliant, brilliant political tactician."

Cook, 21st District state Democratic central committeeman, praised Dukakis for his willingness to work with Jackson, whose eloquence, Cook thinks, has brought new energy to the party.

"His passion can be channeled into a testimonial to Democratic ideals," Cook said.

LaRona Morris, a 21st District delegate from East St. Louis, is special assistant to the St. Clair County regional superintendent of schools.

Delegate Betty Donovan is a liaison for the Illinois state comptroller's office.

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Illinois Power Company offers tips

As summer temperatures climb and air-conditioning season peaks, electric meters spin faster. The increased usage has a greater impact on bills than that higher summer rates are in effect, an Illinois Power Co. spokesman, Norman Hall, said.

"IP customers are receiving a 1.5-cent credit for each kilowatt-hour of electricity used during the four-month summer billing period, which began in mid-May."

"Even with the credit, however, Illinois Power is reminding customers to keep control of their bills by making smart decisions regarding energy usage."

"Air-conditioning accounts for 30 percent of a typical residential customer's total electric usage each year. Running times for air conditioners range from

400 to 1,200 hours over the summer, depending on the location in the state. More than 90 percent of a customer's summer monthly bill can be attributed to cooling costs."

"With careful electric usage, and conservation, customers can control summer electric bills while remaining comfortable," said Hall, marketing supervisor in Granite City.

"Air-conditioning settings of 78 degrees and above can produce energy savings of up to 15 percent. If the house is empty for more than four hours, raise the thermostat to 82 degrees. Upon returning home, don't turn the thermostat below 78 to 'speed up' cooling. The air-conditioning system won't cool any faster at a lower setting and money is wasted by cooling the home

more than necessary."

"When air-conditioning is not needed, shut it off and open windows. Close drapes over windows facing the sun. Use individual room fans. A ceiling fan can improve air circulation and comfort."

"Minimize heat buildup in homes by postponing hot activities such as cooking and laundering until evening or early morning, when it is cooler. Lights should remain low or off."

"Lamps and other heat-producing appliances, such as televisions, should be kept away from room thermostats. Properly placed shade trees and window awnings can also help keep homes cool and reduce energy bills."

"Maintenance is important. Inspect filters monthly and

replace as needed. Keep air-conditioning ducts properly insulated and air leaks sealed."

"To assure proper air circulation, improve efficiency and reduce energy consumption, make sure dirt, leaves and other debris do not accumulate on the outside condensing unit, and keep the outside equipment clear of shrubbery and high grass."

Customers also are being urged to participate in Illinois Power's Budget Billing program as a way to even out seasonal bills.

For further information about the program and other year-round energy-saving tips, persons may contact the local Illinois Power customer service office. The company offers home energy audits for a fee of \$15.

BPW holds conference

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville was host for the Southern Leadership Conference for members of the Business & Professional Women's Clubs of the southern part of the state June 26.

Lil Marzluft, district director, 1987-88, together with members of District 14, led the event. 14 members of the Granite City Business & Professional Women's Organization attended.

Officers and standing committee chairmen of the Illinois Federation of Business & Professional Women presented seminars to 300 BPW members.

The purpose of the conference was to instruct and inform members on current issues for the 1988-89 club year.

BPW Illinois advocates personal and professional growth, leadership development and participation, equity and self-sufficiency for working women through education, legislation and networking.

On the Saturday evening prior to the conference, the Illinois state directors were guests of District 14 at a dinner at Rusty's in Edwardsville, with 49 in attendance.

The next meeting of the Granite City BPW Organization will be July 21, 6:30 p.m., at Charley's Restaurant. Interested individuals may call Becky Slate, 452-5391, or Jane Isenbarg, 931-6281, for reservations.

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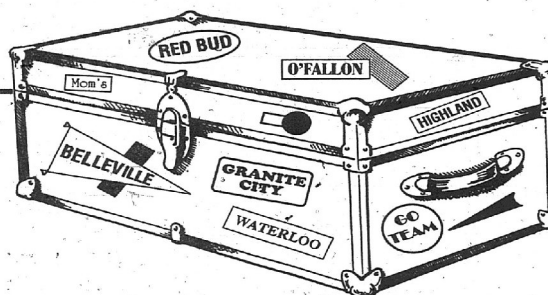
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Church

First Assembly of God marks 69th anniversary

First Assembly of God Church, 24th Street and Grand Avenue, celebrated its 69th anniversary in a day filled with worship services, guests, activities and a pot luck dinner.

Rev. C.M. O'Guinn, 92, founding pastor, spoke about details of the congregation's early history.

A choir of the church's senior citizens sang a song titled "Reflections."

"The early years were remembered as days of hardship mixed with much to laugh about in retrospect, a spokesman said.

"Special guests who shared comments were "Doc" and Ethel Weiss, now living in Sun City, Ariz., and Fred and Mary Ellen Kupp, now living in Chesterfield, Mo.

The couples served in a

number of offices and ministries in the church in the past.

The Rev. Dale Edwards, pastor, spoke about the present church. He introduced staff members now serving the church: the Rev. and Mrs. Pete Baker, who have served for five years as Christian Education and Music directors; the Rev. Rick Barnes, youth pastor for three years; and Geraldine Singer, bookkeeper for 12 years. All were recognized for their accomplished ministries.

Edwards and his wife were honored during the morning service for completing 14 years of ministry at First Assembly. Dan James, secretary to the official board, praised the couple for their faithfulness and influence in the area.

Women of Moose enrolls five

"Women of the Moose, Chapter 247, held "Chapter Membership Night" at Granite City Moose Lodge, 19th and Adams streets. Thirty members attended.

Senior Regent Mariou Wilkenson open the meeting and introduced Edna Miller, a member of the membership committee.

Miller presented two checks to be sent to Mooseheart, a children's center near Aurora. One donation went to the Women of the Moose Scholarship and Maintenance Fund and the second to purchase two trophy cases.

Five new members were enrolled: Carol Speece, Wilma Grubbs, Rosemary Bryson, Ruth Beck, all sponsored by Jerry Speece, and Mary Hoedebeck, whose sponsor was Edna Miller.

Two officers, installed by installing Regent Marian Lipscomb and installing Guide Mildred Votoupal, were Jerdena Miller, Argus, and Mary Hoedebeck, membership chairman.

Eight "friends" approved by the chapter, included Mary Merz, Mary Haskins, Linda Boswell, Constance Kueker, Phyllis Campbell, Linda Cavanaugh, Sandra Mouser and Mary Greco.

A report was given by the Academy of Friendship Chairman Jerry Speece on the academy's meeting and a successful towel social.

Those attending the academy meeting were Votoupal, Alice Staggs, Shrom McWilliam, Pat Macke, Edna Miller, Sara Guswelle, Clara Johnson and Jean Teller. Hostess were Marian Lipscomb and Mariou Wilkenson.

Past Regent Vernie Von Nida presented a report on a potluck dinner. Hostesses at the event were Mary Murgie, Dorothy Coy, Iris Chastain and Margaret Fronabarger.

Others attending were: Tellef, Sylvia Woods, Jennie Billy Macke, Wilkenson, Guswelle, Votoupal, Gladys Markovich.

Theta Iota meets with Myra Polston

Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its last meeting of the 1987-88 club year at the home of President Myra Polston.

Secret sisters were revealed and gifts were exchanged. New secret pals for the coming year were selected.

Refreshments were served to members Polston, Joyce Alexander, Barb Young, Kathie Williams, Kathy Kennerly, Miriam Taylor, Jaquie Arnold, Cecelia Kanacho and G.G. Kanacho and guests Dallas Wood and Kristia Polston.

Marriage licenses

The following is a list of marriage licenses issued through the office of Evelyn Bowles, Madison County clerk:

Dennis Allen Didmonovich and Gina Nicole Dickerman, both of Granite City.

Gregory K. Gardiner and Charley Michelle Collins, both of Madison.

Thomas G. Goodman, Edwardsville, and Beverly A. Gelforth, Granite City.

David L. Pinkston and Rebecca G. Crump, both of Granite City.

Robert D. Stephens and Dania L. Depew, both of Granite City.

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'Evening of Games' planned July 25

The Granite City Council of Seniors will host an "Evening of Games" on July 25 at the Granite City Township Hall, 2060 Delmar Ave.

Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m., and games will be played from 7 to 9 p.m. All

seniors 55 and older are welcome.

Persons needing a ride may call Gertrude Barkley at 876-8039 before July 18. There is a charge of 25 cents each way for transportation.

Garden wedding shower fetes couple

A garden wedding shower, honoring Jim Doty and Kristi Gum, was hosted by friends on June 15 at 3325 Wilshire Drive.

A buffet luncheon was served

55 guests by Kitty Voss, Opal Compton, Jerry Settlemyre and Trudy Hotson.

The couple received many gifts.

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Eric Ryterski named

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Governor continues tax fight

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. James R. Thompson has pledged to continue to fight for the added revenues that must be found if Illinois is to keep its commitment to deliver services to victims of abuse and illness, programs to improve education system, retraining of workers to meet the challenges of rapid changes in technology, and the state's obligation to pay its bills on time.

He said, "Although the fiscal year 1989 budget approved by the General Assembly appears to be close to being balanced, it is not adequate."

"This budget will be remembered more for what it lacks than for what it contains. Child abuse investigators will be burdened with caseloads so large that many of society's worst crimes will not be detected."

"With the tax increase, the Department of Children and Family Services would have been able to reach more children in need with a \$46 million budget increase, but now DCFs will have difficulty doing anything more than meet the increasing costs of current services."

"Failure to recognize that current resources are inadequate to address our many needs means we will give our mentally ill and developmentally disabled citizens the minimum amount of care allowed by federal law."

"We have guaranteed that thousands of children from deprived backgrounds will fail in school."

"They will fail because we have refused to invest in the early education needed to prepare them for the classroom and their later years."

"We have guaranteed that college tuition charges will continue to skyrocket as professors increase their exodus to greener pastures at competing universities in other states."

"We will not provide the needed rate increases for providers of social services and medical assistance to poor people."

"AFDC (aid to families with dependent children) and general assistance recipients will not receive a cost-of-living increase, something they have not seen since January 1985," Thompson said.

"This budget will not allow the state to return to the historic level of paying medical providers within 30 days. In addition, the appropriations are insufficient to liquidate the current \$139 million backlog of corporate income tax refunds."

"The consequences should be clear," the governor said.

"The state income tax — far lower than our neighboring states and nearly the lowest rate in the nation — has not increased, but the refusal to acknowledge human needs now shifts the burden to local governments."

"They only can turn to higher property tax levies, the most regressive and least fair tax — to pay for education improvement and other services the state has not delivered."

"The Legislature has approved a measure aimed at reforming the state's public school system. In the coming weeks, I will make a careful examination of the bill's contents and consider why such an urgent measure would not take effect for another year."

"If the measure is school reform, I will sign it into law. If it is not, I will not give it my approval."

"The education package would take effect July 1, 1989, and includes:

• The Chicago School Reform Oversight Authority would be created to review and act on a Systemwide Education Reform Goals and Objectives Plan and assure its implementation. The board of the oversight authority would be composed of four members appointed by the mayor of Chicago and three members appointed by the governor.

• Local schools councils — composed of parents, community members and school staff — at every school building in Chicago would select the school's principal, approve the school's budget, and make curriculum recommendations.

• The principal's authority would be expanded to allow the school principal to select new school personnel. Both principals and assistant principals would be selected by the school principal.

• The current Chicago Board of Education would be abolished, and the mayor of Chicago would select an interim board. A School Board Nominating Commission would offer states of candidates. The new board would be in place by June 1990.

• A central administration expenditures would be reduced dramatically. Remaining administrative personnel would have a three-year performance contract.

The General Assembly's accomplishments, Thompson said, included the following bills sent to the governor:

• Chicago's "Win Sox — The General Assembly ratified a negotiated agreement with the owners of the Chicago White Sox. They have agreed to keep the pro baseball franchise in Chicago."

Bonding authority for a new stadium will be increased to \$150 million. The funding package will include revenues from the 2 percent hotel/motel tax within the City of Chicago, \$5 million from the state's hotel-motel tax, and \$5 million from Chicago's state revenue sharing.

• Mandatory auto insurance — After nearly two decades of debate, the General Assembly approved legislation requiring all drivers to carry minimal amounts of liability insurance.

• Welfare prevention — Automatic payroll deductions would be made to withhold child support payments, unless both parties agree to an alternative arrangement. The change is expected to increase child support payments by \$8 million to \$15 million statewide in the first year.

• Home equity — Homeowners in Chicago precincts voluntarily could form taxing districts to compensate any homeowner's loss in property value below its original appraised value.

• Electronic surveillance — Police would be allowed to monitor telephone conversations to gather evidence against major drug dealers, dope houses and sophisticated drug conspiracies. Wiretapping would be allowed without prior approval of a circuit court judge.

• Regulatory reform — Environmental regulatory procedures would be streamlined through legislative changes, resulting from a report submitted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and an independent follow-up study.

• Sales tax reform — There would be a standard 6.25-cent uniform rate for all sales taxes, both state and local, with authorization for home rule units to impose an additional amount, and a loophole in the sales tax would be closed to extend the sales tax to photo processing purchases.

• Wastewater — A portion of the added revenue generated by the sales tax reform would be used for a \$300 million expansion of Build Illinois for a grant program to help 226 Illinois communities comply with the Clean Water Act.

The program would establish a \$70 million state revolving loan fund of leverage \$350 million from the federal government over a six-year period to help modernize wastewater funding for local government needs.

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Lanes limited for four weeks

The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced that both eastbound and westbound Interstate 55-70 are restricted to two open lanes at a point one mile west of Illinois 157.

This will allow removal of existing bridge piers and completion of new concrete piers within the I-255 interchange area.

The restriction began July 13 and will be in place for four weeks. Traffic control devices are being used to assist motorists going past the work area.

Helmkamp Construction Co., Wood River, is performing the work.

Grassroots

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City Area governmental taxing bodies include:

Granite City School Board, 6 p.m. Monday, July 18, Board Office, 19th and Adams streets (special).

Chouteau Township, 7 p.m. Monday, July 18, Township Office, 906 Thorngate Drive.

Granite City School Board, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, Board Office, 20th and Adams streets.

Granite City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, City Hall, 2500 Edison Ave.

Venice Township, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, 1502 Fifth St., Madison.

Venice City Council, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, City Hall, Broadway and Klein Street, Venice.

Madison County Board, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 20, County Board Office, 2222 Broadway.

Madison School Board, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, Board Office, 1707 Fourth St., Madison.

Model supports park, Gaffner

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Officer said he anticipates getting local commitments and also expects state funding.

Officer said one potential problem with the development area was resolved when Continental Grain Co., a Front Street business next to the proposed development site, did not want to leave East St. Louis. He said the company was assured it could stay within the city's port development area.

Expanding the Arch grounds to East St. Louis will help the city improve, Officer said. He compared East St. Louis to what St. Louis was like in the late 1800s, with a deteriorated downtown area that came back by building on the success of the Arch and Busch Memorial Stadium.

The Arch grounds expansion to East St. Louis, planned to include a large fountain and a museum, will be a catalyst for other development, including an apartment project and a professional, 18-hole hole course, Officer said.

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Fire district Mayor says concerns are manageable

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costs rose sharply and income did not increase, the trustees said.

"It's hard for me to guarantee what someone else would do after me (as mayor) would do. I could get a letter signed by the present board assuring the fire district of future cooperation," Wilson said.

"Both Stan Lucas (Chouteau Trace developer) and Richard Buenger (developer of the proposed Timberlake area) have backed us when it comes to fire protection," he said.

The mayor has expressed a willingness to work with the fire district to alleviate financial burdens on the district, the letter said, but it questioned the attitude of future village administrators.

Wilson said he would discuss the concerns of the fire district with the mayor and Village Board and try to resolve the problems.

A second TIF district — Chouteau Trace II — has been created to develop a commercial business area on the east side of Illinois 111 north of Interstate 270.

Approval has not yet been given by the Village Board to set up a proposed third TIF area for designation of the Long Lake Redevelopment Area of single family homes and retail and commercial development at Illinois 111 and Timberlake Drive.

Opposition to establishing the third district was heard from representatives of the Long Lake Fire Protection District at a public hearing March 22.

A mix-up in notification of the hearing was cited. A new date for a public hearing has not yet been set.

TIF districts enable new tax revenues generated by real estate taxes within the district to be used to repay TIF bonds, which finance development of streets and utilities and meet other development costs in the area.

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Obituaries

Buckingham

Ottie Buckingham, 82, 101 Garcesse Homes, Madison, died Sunday, July 10, 1988, at the Edwardsville Care Center.

Mrs. Buckingham was born Jan. 20, 1906, in Madison and was a lifelong resident of the Metro East area.

She is survived by two stepdaughters, Pauline Hammonds and Allene Buckingham, both of St. Louis; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 13 at the Officer Funeral Home, 1501 W. Main St., St. Louis. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Millstadt.

Chandler

Matthew Wayne Chandler, 13, 2872 Iowa St., died at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 15, 1988, at Children's Hospital, St. Louis, where he was a patient for 2½ weeks. He had been in ill health for five years.

Born on May 31, 1975, in Alton, Matthew was a lifetime resident of Granite City. He was of the Protestant faith.

Matthew was a 9th grade student at Griggby Junior High School and had attended Parkway Elementary School.

Among the survivors are his parents, John and Mandy (Kunkle) Chandler, Granite City; a brother, Tim Chandler, 16, at home; and grandparents, Charles and Anna Chanick, and Whistney and Helen Chandler, all of Granite City.

Visitation begins at 5 p.m. today (Sunday) at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., where services will be conducted by the Rev. James Parks at 10 a.m. Monday. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

Dezort

Meiba L. (Moehle) Dezort, 62, Worden, the wife of Robert Dezort of Granite City, died at 10:15 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 1988, at home after a long illness.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, a daughter, a son-in-law, a sister and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Worden, by the Rev. David J. Boehling. Burial will be at Worden Lutheran Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today (Sunday) at William's Funeral Home, 236 W. Wall St., Worden.

Jackson

Shelton C. Jackson, 80, 200 Allen St., Eagle Park Acres, died Sunday, July 10, 1988, at his home. A coroner's inquest is pending in Madison County.

Mr. Jackson was born March 20, 1908, in Bolivar, Tenn., and had been a resident of Madison for 45 years. He was employed by the Purdy Iron Co. as a burner for 40 years prior to his retirement.

He is survived by two sons, Carl Jackson and Larry Jackson, both of Madison; three daughters, Essie McCaughy, Toledo, Ohio, and Toni Jackson, East St. Louis; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Officer Funeral Home, 1501 W. Main St., St. Louis, by Elder Harvey McDonald officiating. Burial was at Jefferson Township Cemetery, Lebanon.

Kleeman

John R. Kleeman, 79, South Roxana, died at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 1988, at his home.

He was born in St. Louis and had been a resident of South Roxana for 15 years. He was employed by the St. Louis Public Works Department for 35 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, at home; two sons, John and Robert, both of St. Louis; two daughters, Jean and Mary, both of St. Louis; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1327 Vaughn Road, Wood River, by the Rev. Allen Luebbe. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Logan

Bulah C. (Wildor) Logan, 74, 1028 College St., Venice, died at 6 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 1988, at home due to a stroke. She was a retired nurse and had been a resident of Venice for 45 years.

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Survivors include one

GC native Waldo gets hoops job at EHS

By Pete Hayes

STAFF AFFILIATE
EDWARDSVILLE — When the Edwardsville School Board named Mike Waldo the new Tiger boys basketball coach this week, it ended what was a long speculation, but came as little surprise.

Waldo, 31, was named to succeed Bud Vallino as the head basketball coach at Edwardsville during the time.

"I was hoping I would get the job," Waldo said. "But I had to wait until it was official before I knew for sure."

Waldo may have been the only one who was unsure.

When the school board selected Waldo "without discussion," it completed what many considered to be a natural move.

"We'd been expecting this,"

Marquette athletic director John Waters said. "When the job opened up at Edwardsville, I figured it was just a matter of time before Mike was named as coach there."

Waldo lives in Bethalto with his wife Diane and their two-year-old son Sam. He teaches special education at Edwardsville Junior High School.

A native of Granite City, he graduated from Granite City North in 1975, from Lewis and Clark Community College in 1977 and from SIUE in 1979.

He played basketball at North, LCCC and SIUE. He was an assistant coach at Granite City North for four years before accepting the job at Marquette.

Waldo led Marquette to its first Class A regional championship ever when the Explorers defeated Southwestern for the Carlinville Regional title last February.

In his five years as head coach at Marquette, Waldo's

teams compiled an overall record of 80-53.

"There are a lot of good memories from my years at Marquette," Waldo said. "Of course, winning the regional title was one of the best, but there were a lot of good athletes at Marquette."

"They were great kids to work with. Smart, talented and of high character. We had some fun times."

Vallino, in 11 years as head coach at Edwardsville, had a record of 146-148 and won six regional championships.

The Tigers were 9-15 last season and Waldo sees a need to get started with his program there soon.

"The summer's half over," Waldo said. "I need to get together and meet the kids on the team as soon as possible."

But Waters is still sorry to see Waldo leaving.

"I've got to give Mike all the credit in the world," Waters

said. "He did a great job here."

NOTES: Former Madison coach Rodney Watson has been hired as an assistant coach at SIU-Carbondale. Watson, 28, succeeded Larry Graham at Madison in 1984 and took the Trojans to state in his first season. He has spent the last two years as an assistant at at Nebraska-Omaha.

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Sandoz said speeds of 120 mph are average in the open formula category, which is for expert riders only.

"The fastest racers in the country will be here," Sandoz said. "All the races are 10-lap sprints. They'll run for the Suzuki Cup, probably in the morning, and there will be some contingency money involved in others."

The event is being sponsored by the Western-Eastern Roadracing Association, the national governing body of motorcycle racing.

WERA sanctioned a six-hour endurance race that was sched-

uled for Gateway International on Saturday. Sandoz said the majority of racers entered in the endurance race plan to compete in the sprints on Sunday.

Other races slated for Sunday include sprints for stocks, modifieds and super bikes.

Admission is \$10. Practice begins at 8 a.m. and an intermission for lunch will be held from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call Gateway International Raceway at 482-5501 or MCRA at 797-1692.

Tri-City rated in national magazine

Tri-City Speedway has been named one of the top 50 stock car sports in the country by *Stock Car Magazine*, according to track promoter Vince Ghirardi.

Tri-City has always been recognized as one of the best racing surfaces with its famous black gumbo and the hard work of track owner Elvis Doolin. But the magazine's is recognizing the track for its fan convenience. The rating was determined by spectators based on the facilities, cleanliness, upkeep, maintenance, food, fan consideration and the program.

Ghirardi said he was honored, but feels most of the credit belongs to Elvis and Florence Doolin. The speedway will be featured in the August issue of *Stock Car Magazine*.

Stars

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be assisted by Waterloo's Vern Moehrs, Belleville's Don Minton and O'Fallon's Jim Watson. Waterloo and Belleville had the most players selected with four each.

The league MVP and Manager of the Year will be announced prior to the All-Star Game, which begins at 8 p.m. on July 26.

NOTES: The Tri-City host Highland at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Varsity Field in the playoff opener. The game will be broadcast on a tape-delayed basis on WISU-AM (1510) of Highland on Tuesday night after Chicago Cubs baseball (approximately 4:30 p.m.). Granite City will play either Alton or the single elimination survivor (probably Edwardsville) on Tuesday. If it's Alton, the game will be at Gordon Moore Park at 8 p.m. Otherwise, the game will be at Varsity Field.

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Optimists

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p.m.) and Belleville II on Saturday (6 p.m.). Granite City is in a battle for second place with East St. Louis and Fairview Heights. They currently trail East St. Louis by one game and lead Fairview by a half game.

First-place teams receive a bye in the league playoffs which begin July 26. The second-place team in each of the four divisions hosts the fifth-place team that night while the third-place teams host the fourth-place teams. Winners meet the next night. Those winners then meet the first-place teams in their respective divisions on July 26. The four survivors then travel to Brighton for the league finals July 30-31.

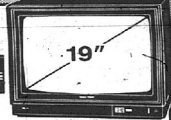
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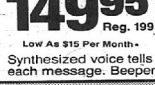
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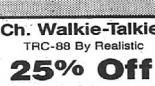
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Junior high students tour Capitol

After flying to Washington, D.C., a group of students from Grigsby and Coolidge junior high schools participated in an educational field trip, took tours and saw places they had studied in class.

They visited Mount Vernon, home of George Washington; the Washington Monument; and the American, Natural History, Air and Space, and Smithsonian museums.

They toured Old Town, Alexandria, Va. They visited Arlington National Cemetery and the tomb of the "Unknown Soldier" and witnessed the wreath laying ceremony there.

They rode the Metro subway, built in 1976, to Capitol Hill and toured the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the U.S. Mint. They visited the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the Capital Building. The Senate was in session, and they heard Sen. Paul Simon, D-Illinois, speak.

They toured Federal Bureau of Investigation buildings; the Ford Theatre, where Lincoln was shot; and the Peterson House across the street, where he was taken after being shot.

They saw the National Archives, and the original Magna Carta, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence. Students also viewed the bronze statue "Hiroshima."

Grigsby students included Amy Springs, Mary Beth, Megan Hildebrand, Gary Preswood, Amy Rainer, Paul Austin, Mary Beth Cooper, Patricia McKinney and leader Tom Turner.

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Coolidge students were Kim Barrie, Rob Gaddy, David Napier, Michelle Severs, Stacie Turnbough, Jeff Armour, Larry Earney, Kim Kramer, Rachel Roe, Casey Trigg and Coolidge teacher Sandra Devanyom.

Adam Stevens celebrated his fourth birthday Monday at a party given by his grandmother, Doris Lathrop, at her home.

Helping him celebrate with presents and refreshments were: Mr. and Mrs. David Lathrop and children Ryan, Berta and Elizabeth; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Borgens and Pam and Matt; and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stevens and son, Chris; and Kathy Lathrop.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor (Beverly) Graham have announced the arrival of a 6-pound, 14-ounce, baby girl born June 30. She was named Diona Michelle.

She has a brother, Phillip, 21 months old. Maternal grandparents are Linda Goodman and Linda Warfield.

Paternal grandparents are Al and Margaret Graham, who also have a new grandson, Deleek Andrew, born April 25 to Randy

and Tina Brown. The Browns have a daughter, Lindsay, 3. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis (Louise) Brown of Texas, formerly of Granite City.

The Buchanan family reunion was held Saturday in Jennings, Mo., at the home of Jim and Alberta Mitchell.

Attending were: Al and Margaret Graham and daughter, Phyllis; Jerry and Georgia Buchanan and daughter, Tracy; Kevin and Diane Buchanan; Victor and Beverly Graham and children Diona and Phillip; and Randy and Tina Brown and children Deleek and Lindsay, all of Granite City.

Others attending were Debbie Mitchell and daughter, Amanda, Jennings; Lucille Wilson, Jefferson Town, Ky.; Elmer and Grace Buchanan, St. Peters, Mo.; Elsie Benedict and daughter, Alicia, all of Overland, Mo.; Junior and Bertha Coffey and Ronnie Edgin and daughters Cindy and Terry Lynn, all of Blytheville, Ark.; Clint and Christina Masterson, Kennett, Mo.; and Jim and Karen Harper and son, Price, Jefferson City, Mo.

Betty Richard has returned to her home in Union, Mo., after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Richardson. While here, she also visited her grandmother, Margaret Woodward, and an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Woodward.

Penalty assessed after Aug. 20 for those owing child support

SPRINGFIELD — Sixty thousand parents who owe child support have been sent final notices saying they have until Aug. 20 to pay the overdue money and avoid a 20 percent penalty. Public Aid Director Edward T. Duffy said.

"During the department's amnesty program, parents have had the last six months to pay their back child support without penalty," Duffy said.

"Since they haven't taken the opportunity to meet their responsibilities, they are being put on

final notice to pay." The final notice informs each parent of the amount of child support owed as of July 1, 1988, and the amount of the penalty that will be imposed on Aug. 20.

If a father owes \$5,000 in child support as of July 1, he will be required to pay a \$1,000 penalty, or a total of \$6,000 on Aug. 20.

All payments, including those made through the amnesty program, will be applied to current support obligations, and then to unpaid support.

Earlier this year, 100,000 par-

ents ordered to pay child support received notices about the amnesty period and the pending penalty. In February and May, reminder notices were mailed to parents who had fallen behind in their payments.

More than \$353 million in back child support is owed to families in Illinois.

Help in collecting child support is offered free to all custodial parents in Illinois. The toll-free number is 1-800-447-4278.



New T-shirts

YOUNGSTERS in the Joe W. Roberts Youth Athletic Club are sporting new T-shirts donated by a local business. 180 wore the shirts, sporting the club name, on a field trip to the Missouri Botanical Gardens. The youth club meets Monday through Friday at Eagle Park in Madison and Lee Park in Venice. The summer athletic program for children ages 7-17 includes varied trips, films and lectures to promote cultural and social skills. A total of 250 children are participating this year. The Tri-Cities Area United Way helped secure the shirts through its "matchmaking" program.

\$55 million voted for Metro Link

P-R/J Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — The Senate has passed an appropriations bill that will add \$55 million for Metro Link, the St. Louis-East St. Louis area's proposed passenger railway, as soon as local officials agree to a funding contract.

Passed July 12 by a 91-to-6 margin, the bill provides \$10.6 billion overall for new spending in future years and \$26 billion in outlays for the Department of Transportation and related agencies in fiscal 1989.

Differences between the Senate and House versions of the spending plan have yet to be resolved. Whether the conference committee will settle on funding at the Senate's \$55 million for Metro Link, the House's \$65 million figure or some other level is uncertain.

The Senate amount is about \$40 million less than the Bi-State Development Agency originally requested for 1989. The total cost of building the rail system is

estimated to be \$288 million.

Steve Hilton, a spokesman for Sen. Jack Danforth, R-Mo., said movement toward an agreement in June kept the Senate Appropriations Committee from making deeper cuts.

"It is encouraging in that the Senate number is not lower than \$55 million," Hilton said. Since 1985, Congress has appropriated a total of \$90.2 million for the 18-mile, 20-station light rail system. That money has been held up because local officials have been unable to reach agreement on a "full-funding contract," a document the Department of Transportation requires before it will release the funds.

The agency is awaiting action by officials from St. Louis County and St. Clair County in Illinois to agree to funding shares, said Tom Sturgess, spokesman for Bi-State. The agency also must sign contracts with its union, swap bridges with a railroad company and settle other

details. "All of those things are ready to happen, but they are poised and waiting until we gain assurances of stable, ongoing funding," he said.

Over objections of the Reagan administration, the Senate bill also includes \$375 million for Amtrak and \$1.6 billion for Urban Mass Transportation Administration programs that allow local transit agencies to offset bus and rail expenses and buy new equipment.

The administration has attempted to slash the mass transit budget by 54 percent, with many of those cuts coming in discretionary programs like those paying for mass transit projects.

"To sum it up, the Senate action, coupled with the recent House action, once again repudiates the Reagan administration recommendation to gut the UMTA program," said Tom Dulger, a Washington lobbyist for several transit agencies.

Entertainment

Children here to hear program on science of sound

Monica Allen, of the St. Louis Science Center, will present a program titled "Good Vibrations: The Science of Sound" at the Granite City Public Library on Tuesday, July 19.

This 45-minute program will be given in the children's room of the main library, 2001 Delmar Ave. It will begin at 11 a.m. Children 6 years old and older are invited to attend.

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Dr. Cserny will be available for questions after the seminar

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